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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2667

Introduced by Assembly Member Bock

February 25, 2000

~~An act to amend Sections 117960, 117980, and 117985 of, and to add Sections 117963 and 117974 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to medical waste management. An act relating to medical waste, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2667, as amended, Bock. Medical waste management.

Existing law requires each large quantity generator of medical waste, except as specified, to register with the State Department of Health Services or a local agency that has elected to administer the provisions governing medical waste. Any large quantity generator required to register is also required to file with the enforcement agency a medical waste management plan.

~~This bill would require the medical waste management plan to include a program for minimizing medical waste. The bill would require these generators of medical waste to provide documentation each year to the State Department of Health Services that the generator has implemented the medical waste minimization program, and trained affected employees on it. The bill would also require large quantity generators to perform a yearly audit to determine the source, type, and quantity of medical waste generated, and its location. The bill~~

~~would require large quantity generators to have a plan or procedure to ensure that nonmedical waste is at all times contained, stored, and treated separately from medical waste appropriate an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the department to produce materials to educate and inform hospitals and large facilities regarding the reduction of medical waste, as demonstrated in a specified grant proposal.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~ $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: ~~no~~—yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Section 117960 of the Health and Safety~~
2 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of*
3 *the following:*
4 *(a) Medical waste reduction programs can result in*
5 *significant savings to a facility through improved medical*
6 *waste handling and the development of techniques and*
7 *equipment that can be reused.*
8 *(b) Encouraging programs that reduce medical waste*
9 *streams can lengthen the life span of landfills and*
10 *minimize the chances that medical waste will*
11 *contaminate the environment.*
12 *(c) Cooperative programs, such as the Waste*
13 *Reduction in California Hospitals Grant Proposal, which*
14 *is funded by Region 9 of the United States Environmental*
15 *Protection Agency under the Pollution Prevention Act of*
16 *1990 (Section 13104 of Title 42 of the United States Code),*
17 *are to be encouraged.*
18 *SEC. 2. The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) is*
19 *hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State*
20 *Department of Health Services for the purpose of*
21 *producing materials, including, but not limited to, print,*
22 *video, or multimedia, that can be used to educate and*
23 *inform hospitals and large facilities that produce medical*
24 *waste, of the successful steps that they might take to*
25 *reduce their medical waste stream, as demonstrated by*
26 *the Waste Reduction in California Hospitals Grant*
27 *Proposal.*
28 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

~~117960. Any large quantity generator required to register with the enforcement agency pursuant to Section 117950 shall file with the enforcement agency a medical waste management plan, on forms prescribed by the enforcement agency containing, but not limited to, all of the following:~~

~~(a) The name of the person.~~

~~(b) The business address of the person.~~

~~(c) The type of business.~~

~~(d) The types, and the estimated average monthly quantity, of medical waste generated.~~

~~(e) The type of treatment used onsite, if applicable. For generators with onsite medical waste treatment facilities, including incinerators or steam sterilizers or other treatment facilities as determined by the enforcement agency, the treatment capacity of the onsite treatment facility.~~

~~(f) A program for minimizing medical waste.~~

~~(g) The name and business address of the registered hazardous waste hauler used by the generator to have untreated medical waste removed for treatment, if applicable.~~

~~(h) The name and business address of the registered hazardous waste hauler service provided by the building management to which the building tenants may subscribe or are required by the building management to subscribe, if applicable.~~

~~(i) The name and business address of the offsite medical waste treatment facility to which the medical waste is being hauled, if applicable.~~

~~(j) An emergency action plan complying with regulations adopted by the department.~~

~~(k) A statement certifying that the information provided is complete and accurate.~~

~~SEC. 2. Section 117963 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:~~

~~117963. Each registered large quantity generator shall perform a yearly audit to determine all of the following:~~

~~(a) The sources of medical waste being generated, and the type and quantity of medical waste from each identified source.~~

~~(b) The location of medical waste generated.~~

~~SEC. 3. Section 117974 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:~~

~~117974. Each registered large quantity generator shall provide documentation each year to the department that the generator has implemented the program required by subdivision (f) of Section 117960, and that training of all affected employees on the program for minimizing medical waste, as prescribed in regulations adopted by the department, has been conducted.~~

~~SEC. 4. Section 117980 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:~~

~~117980. Large quantity generators shall have a plan or procedure to ensure that nonmedical waste is at all times contained and stored separately from the containment and storage of medical waste. Containment and storage of medical waste shall be in accordance with Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 118275).~~

~~SEC. 5. Section 117985 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:~~

~~117985. Large quantity generators shall have a plan or procedure to ensure that nonmedical waste is treated separately from medical waste. Treatment of medical waste shall be in accordance with Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 118215).~~